

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CARL A. WESCOTT,
Plaintiff,

v.

META PLATFORMS, INC.,
Defendant.

Case No. [24-cv-01866-TSH](#)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

Plaintiff Carl A. Wescott initiated this lawsuit on March 26, 2024 by filing a complaint (ECF No. 1) and application to proceed in forma pauperis (ECF No. 2). On April 2 the Court granted Plaintiff's application and directed the Clerk of Court or the U.S. Marshal for the Northern District of California to serve Defendant Meta Platforms, Inc. ECF No. 4. On April 5 the Clerk requested Plaintiff provide Defendant's address for service, but he did not respond. ECF No. 6. The Court also notes this matter is scheduled for a case management conference on June 27, and any case management statement was due June 20 (*see* ECF No. 2), yet Plaintiff did not file a statement. In fact, Plaintiff has made no appearance since filing his complaint nearly three months ago.

The Court possesses the inherent power to dismiss an action sua sponte "to achieve the orderly and expeditious disposition of cases." *Link v. Wabash R.R. Co.*, 370 U.S. 626, 629-33 (1962). Accordingly, the Court **VACATES** the June 27 case management conference and **ORDERS** Plaintiff to show cause why this case should not be dismissed for failure to prosecute and failure to comply with court deadlines. Plaintiff shall file a declaration by July 5, 2024. Notice is hereby provided that failure to file a written response will be deemed an admission that

you do not intend to prosecute, and this case will likely be dismissed. Thus, it is imperative the Court receive a written response by the deadline above.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: June 21, 2024


THOMAS S. HIXSON
United States Magistrate Judge

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